

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7, and 9-24 remain. Claims 25-36 have been cancelled. In view of the above amendments and arguments presented below, Applicants assert that the remaining Claims 1-7 and 9-24 are patentable over the cited art of record.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraph 8 of the above referenced Office Action states that Claims 1-7 are allowable over the cited art of record.

#### Rejections of Claims 9-24

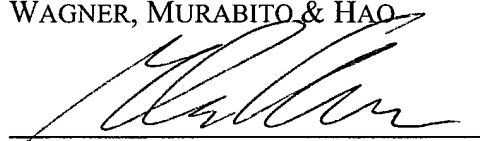
Independent Claims 9 and 17 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter recited in independent Claim 1. Claims 25-36 have been cancelled. Accordingly, all remaining Claims (Claims 1-7 and 9-24) are now in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

All Claims (1-7, 9-24) of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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